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## Letter dated 19 June 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon the instructions of my Government, I am transmitting herewith for your attention the statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia on the flagrant violation of the ceasefire regime by the Azerbaijani armed forces along the line of contact between Artsakh and Azerbaijan, in which reference is made to the statement of 18 May 2017 issued by the Co-Chairs of the Minsk Group of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (see annex).

I kindly request that the present letter and its annex be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 31, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Zohrab **Mnatsakanyan**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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## Annex to the letter dated 19 June 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

### Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Armenia

**17 June 2017**

We express our deepest condolences to the relatives and fellow servicemen of soldiers who fell today and yesterday as a result of the flagrant violation of the ceasefire by the armed forces of Azerbaijan along the line of contact between Artsakh and Azerbaijan.

In their last statement, the Co-Chairs of the Minsk Group of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe condemned the ceasefire violations, identifying Azerbaijan as the first to open fire. It is with such provocations that Baku has reacted to this targeted statement, thus demonstrating its complete disrespect.

On the eve of the visit by the Co-Chairs, the high leadership of Azerbaijan is challenging the international community, first and foremost the Co-Chairs of the Minsk Group, by holding large-scale military drills without the relevant notification required under international commitments, continuously violating the 1994-1995 trilateral ceasefire agreements, as well as taking new steps aimed at the escalation of the situation. The absence of an adequate response could be perceived by Azerbaijan as encouragement for new adventurism.

It is obvious that Baku has failed to move the peaceful settlement process through its desired path and is now trying to create the illusion of gaining an advantage on the frontline, which is also doomed to fail and is fraught with unpredictable consequences, primarily for the side initiating the escalation of the situation.

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# Identical letters dated 20 June 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I am writing to alert you once again to the dangerous and destabilizing actions of the Iranian proxy, Hizbullah, in our region.

Hizbullah, an internationally designated terrorist organization, continues unabated to strengthen its military infrastructure in the villages of southern Lebanon, in clear violation of Security Council resolutions 1701 (2006) and 1559 (2004). Evidence of Hizbullah's unremitting violations mounts by the day and cannot be overlooked.

Over the past few months, Hizbullah has established observation posts near the Blue Line, mainly in the western section of the region (see annex I for the exact coordinates of the posts and annex II for a photograph of a post).

These posts were erected under the guise of an agricultural non-governmental organization known as "Green without Borders", the activities of which are defined and at times funded by Hizbullah.

The well-documented proof of Hizbullah's dangerous provocation verifies that Hizbullah conducts reconnaissance activity near the Blue Line and disguises it as civilian activity, in clear violation of resolutions 1701 (2006) and 1559 (2004).

Last April, a United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) patrol was denied access by a group of locals to an observation post flying the "Green without Borders" flag.

Such obstructions to the operations of UNIFIL in the area are unacceptable. These impediments prevent UNIFIL from fully executing its mandate to monitor the implementation of Security Council resolutions and maintain stability in the area.

Hizbullah's continued military build-up and destabilizing activities in southern Lebanon have serious repercussions for both regional stability and the ability of the Lebanese Government to effectively control its country.

The international community cannot continue to turn a blind eye to Hizbullah's flagrant violations of resolutions 1701 (2006) and 1559 (2004).

I call upon the Security Council to demand that the Government of Lebanon dismantle these observation posts immediately and prevent any future activity of Hizbullah and its affiliates in southern Lebanon, particularly near the Blue Line. It is imperative that the Council send a strong message to the Government of Lebanon



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and demand that it fully implement resolutions 1701 (2006) and 1559 (2004), not only in words, but also in clear and concrete actions.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Danny **Danon**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

## Annex I to the identical letters dated 20 June 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

### Coordinates of the observation posts

The following are coordinates of the Hizbullah observation posts as displayed on the map:

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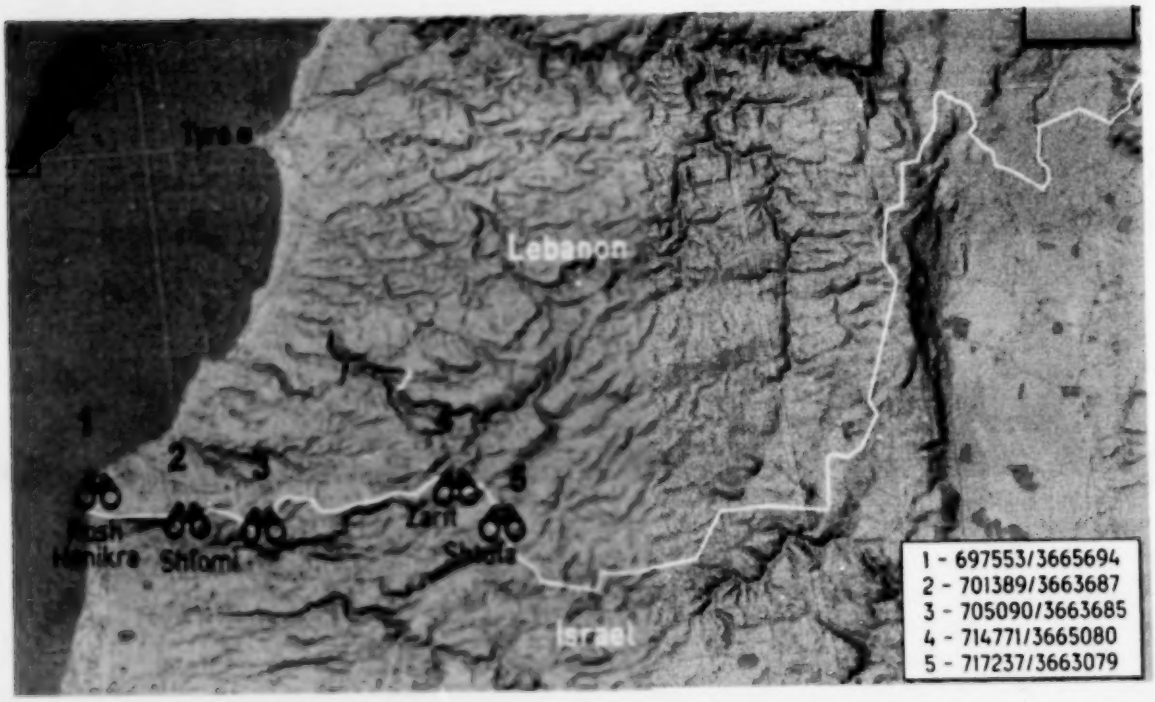
714771/3665080

717237/3663079

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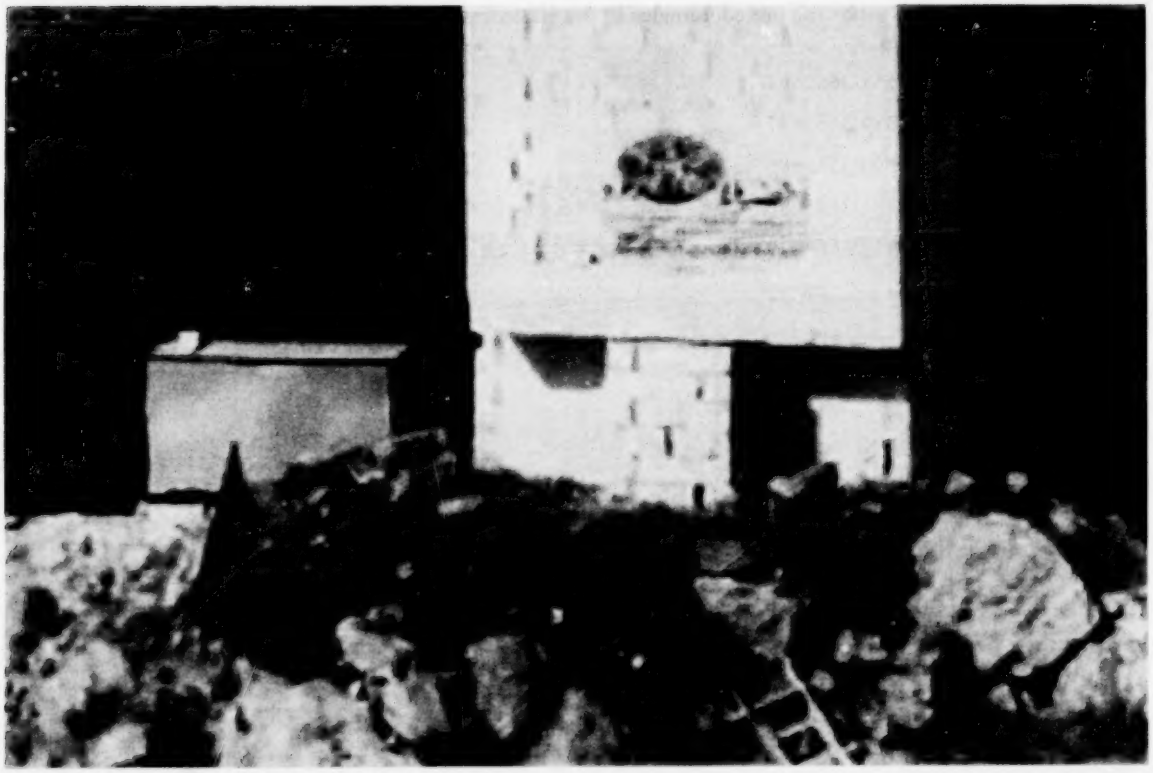
**Annex II to the identical letters dated 20 June 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council**

**Photograph of a Hizbullah observation post**



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